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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 06-266620, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0236947 to YAMAZAKI, which was published on December 25, 2003.
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/577,133 to OKABAYASHI et al., which was filed on April 25, 2006.

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Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-232834, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family members U.S. Patent No. 6,295,580 to STURGES et al., which issued on September 25, 2001, and European Patent Application No. EP 0856797.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-263370, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,845,309 to SHIROTORI et al., which issued on December 1, 1998.
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-019797, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family members U.S. Patent No. 5,353,425 to MALAMY et al., which issued on October 4, 1994, and European Patent Application No. EP 0568221.
- (7) Internation Patent Application Publication No. WO 2002-008911.
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-137053, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-100158, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents, patent application and patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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